

element (1,2) of the matrix equals  $\lambda_2$ . Once constructed, the traffic matrices are used to compute the provisioning routes (e.g., paths), for each non-zero element of those matrices, and the computed paths are pinned down using multi-protocol label switching (MPLS) for Diffserv networks or multi-protocol lambda switching (MP $\lambda$ S) for optical networks.

**Page 6, after equation (4), please insert the following paragraph:**

--V represents the total amount of bandwidth of accepted flows, and W represents the total amount of bandwidth of all flows.--

**Page 16, please replace the second full paragraph with the following paragraph:**

Accordingly, in the next step S21,  $M$  is defined as the subset of those already accepted (i.e., during the previous  $i-1$  steps) quadruplets  $T(1), \dots, T(i-1)$  for which the following two conditions hold true. First, the bit  $[r_j]b_i$  of quadruplet is TRUE and the path SPA( $j$ ) thus can be altered. Second, all links  $e$  in  $Q$  belong to the path SPA( $j$ ):  $Q \subset \text{SPA}(j)$ . Therefore, if the bandwidth reservation for  $r_j$  of the quadruplet  $T(j)$  for its path SPA( $j$ ) is removed, the available bandwidth at each link  $e$  in  $Q$  increases by  $r_j$ . Since the  $i^{\text{th}}$  flow requires bandwidth reservation of  $r_i \leq r_j$ , this increase is sufficient for accommodating the  $i^{\text{th}}$  flow using its path SPI( $i$ ).